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Deputies' Meeting

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Wednesday, 11 June 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [REDACTED]

General Smith:

c. Asked Mr. Wisner how Colonel Melvin G. Hall was getting along in Indochina. Mr. Wisner stated "he was proceeding cautiously" with which the Director agreed and, after some discussion, Mr. Dulles asked DD/P to send a few questions to Hall in order that we might get a line on his capabilities.

d. Raised the question of the President's proposed talk on the Gray Report. After some discussion wherein Mr. Wisner noted that he had held up further action on this as a result of the Director's discussion on this matter at a previous Deputies' Meeting, he undertook to prepare this talk and have it in the hands of the Director today.

Mr. Dulles:

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- a. Stated he had received a call from Admiral Kirk who in turn had received a call from [REDACTED] who was seeking confirmation of Kirk's appointment to succeed Dr. Allen as Director of PSB. Mr. Dulles also said that Reston apparently had picked up this information as a result of Dr. Allen's conference with the President on 9 June. After some discussion, the Director stated that (1) Reston should be advised that [REDACTED] was leaving but his successor had not yet been chosen; (2) it would be necessary for CIA to "furnish a CP" for [REDACTED] during the period he leaves the Board and assumes his duties at [REDACTED]. In this connection, he asked Mr. Wisner to consider how we could use him. Mr. Dulles undertook to get in touch with Reston and advise him as indicated in (1) above.

b. Reported there were difficulties within the State Department concerning the invitation to be issued to [REDACTED] to visit the U.S. The Director stated that State had no reason to block this visit and he intended to discuss this matter with Mr. Bruce at the PSB Luncheon tomorrow. (NOTE: Mr. Earman undertook to remind the Director to do this.)

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted that the retroactive pay increase checks were being distributed today.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted that he had spent some little time with [redacted] yesterday and it would appear that he has moderated from his original position.

b. Referred to the visit of Admiral Radford and suggested that after the DCI had had a preliminary talk with him that further discussions be held at which time he would have four or five of his interested people present.

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d. Noted that the Chief [redacted] was here and asked if Mr. Dulles desired to see him. D/DCI indicated that he did.

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